

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 20 have been cancelled, and claims 10 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-10 and 12-19 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The rejections and objections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Entry of the response filed October 5, 2004 is noted and appreciated.
2. The withdrawal of the allowance of claims 10-14 and 19-20 is noted.
- 3-4. Claims 10, 13 and 19 currently stand rejected for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent 6,146,168 to Ishii (hereinafter "Ishii").

Claims 10 and 19 have been amended to include the features of claims 11 and 20, respectively, which have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 19 are now in condition for allowance. Claim 13 depends from claim 10.

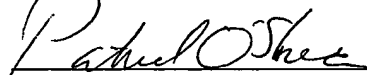
- 5-6. The indication that claims 1-9 and 15-18 are allowable is noted and appreciated.
7. The indication that claims 11-12, 14 and 20 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten to no longer depend on a rejected claim is noted and appreciated.

Claims 10 and 19 have been amended include the features of claims 11 and 20, respectively.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10 and 12-19 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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